



*Miriam Dances*  
Marc Chagall, 1931

# Bat Mitzvah of Miriam Dora Clopper

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## Today's Service

This Shabbat is known as *Shabbat Shirah*, the Sabbath of Song, as the Torah reading this week includes *Shiryat Hayam*, the Song of the Sea (Exodus 15:1-8). The Israelites sang this song after crossing the Red Sea and escaping slavery in Egypt. Because of the archaic language in the passage, scholars believe this is one of the oldest passages in the Torah.

## Our Thanks

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## Readings and Honors

<i>How Can I Keep From Singing</i>	Hannah Clopper
Presentation of Tallit	David and Keitha Clopper
Opening the Ark	Judy Clopper and Jill Harris
First Aliyah / <i>Shiryat Hayam</i>	Miriam Clopper
Exodus 14:26 – 15:21	Miriam Clopper
Second Aliyah	Marvin and Phyllis Clopper
Exodus 17:8 – 17:13	Pam Sommers
<i>Maftir</i> (final) Aliyah	David and Keitha Clopper
Exodus 17:14 – 17:16	David Clopper
Hagbah	Rabbi Jeff Clopper
G'lilah	Carol Clopper
D'var Torah	Miriam Clopper
Closing the Ark	Michael Berkson and Emily London
Etz Chayim Hee	David and Hannah Clopper
<i>Brother Moses Smote the Water</i>	Pam Sommers

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